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1. As of 31 December 1951, the Chinese Communists planned to use the following units in their programs to aid the Vietnamese and Burmese Communists:
  - a. The 13 Army Group (AG) under CH'EN Man-yuan.<sup>1</sup>
  - b. The 15 AG, consisting of the 43, 49, and 53 Armies, 4 Field Army, stationed in the Indochina-Kwangsi border area. TENG Hua commands the 15 AG.
  - c. The 4 AG, consisting of 13, 14, and 15 Armies, stationed at the Yunnan-Burma border to guard against attacks by LI MI, and to aid the Burma program. CH'EN Keng commands the 4 AG.
  - d. The Yunnan-Kwangsi-Kweichow Border Column, commanded by CHUANG T'ien; and the Aid Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) Volunteer Unit, formed of militiamen recruited in Kwangsi, Kwangtung, and Yunnan, to serve as the advance guard of the invasion of Indochina and Burma.
  - e. The 5 Cavalry Brigade of 8,500 men, commanded by MA Ju-shan (馬如山), with WANG Cheng-ch'i (王正奇) as political commissar; and the 8 Cavalry Brigade of 7,500 men, under the command of SUN Yu-hsun (孫雨勳), with SHIH Min-sui (石民純) as political commissar. Both brigades were formed from the former Nationalist 3 Independent Cavalry Brigade, formerly under the command of MA Hung-k'uei.
  - f. The 16 Artillery Regiment of 3,600 men, commanded by CH'I Fu-an (戚福庵), political commissar, HU Wei (胡為); and the 24 Artillery Regiment of 3,600 men, commanded by LIU Ch'eng-yu (劉澄宇), political commissar, HSIANG Jung (向榮).

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g. In November 1951, the following eight Aid DRV volunteer divisions were formed in Kansu, Tsinghai, and Shensi:

- (1) The 361 Division of 17,500 men, commanded by HU Ching-to (胡景鐸); political commissar, CH'EN Tao-fei (陳道飛).
- (2) The 362 Division of 17,500 men, commanded by LIU Yu-chang (劉郁章); political commissar, LIU Yung-ch'i (劉永其).
- (3) The 363 Division of 16,500 men, commanded by MIAO T'ing-huan (苗庭煥); political commissar, CH'EN Chi-shan (陳岐山).
- (4) The 364 Division of 17,500 men, commanded by TS'ENG Shih-sheng (曾時省); political commissar, MIAO Hua-fen (苗華芬).
- (5) The 365 Division of 15,500 men, commanded by KUO T'ien-chien (郭天謙); political commissar, CH'EN Chi-jung (陳繼榮).
- (6) The 366 Division of 17,000 men, commanded by LI Ta-min (李達民); political commissar, CH'EN Kuang-wen (秦廣聞).
- (7) The 367 Division of 16,500 men, commanded by CH'EN Ching (池靜); political commissar, KU Feng (谷鋒).
- (8) The 368 Division of 17,000 men, commanded by TS'UI Ming-sheng (崔明生); political commissar, CHOU Cheng-yun (周正雲).

2. The total strength of units in sections e, f, and g of paragraph 1 is 158,200. The total strength of units in sections b, c, and d is 300,000.<sup>2</sup>

3. On 5 December the 361-368 Divisions, two cavalry brigades and two artillery regiments were transferred from the north to Ch'iyang (111-51, 26-35), Hengyang (112-35, 26-56), Chuchou (113-06, 27-53), Yungch'uan (3057, 1557),<sup>3</sup> and Tungan (111-09, 26-20), in Hunan; and to Hsingan (110-32, 25-39), Chuan-chou (0356, 1558), Fujung (110-08, 26-06), and Sant'ang (109-01, 22-59) in Kwangsi, where they are awaiting further orders.

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2. Comment. Report did not include strength of the 13 AG.

3. Comment. Possibly Yungchou (111-32, 25-39).

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